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THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

Cyrus Vance *CV*

1. Cuban Prisoner Release. Following your authorization, we contacted the Department of Justice to discuss the question of admitting the Cuban political prisoners into the United States. Griffin Bell has responded that he would be willing to consider parole admission into the United States on an individual basis after the prisoners were released by Castro. I now intend to have David Newsom contact Castro's representative to say that the US is prepared to send a team to Havana. This team would interview those desiring admission into the United States for the purpose of ascertaining whether they have had any official relationship with the US Government or have relatives in the United States or have other qualifications which might allow Griffin to grant parole.

I presume this does not involve the Puerto Rican swap.

2. Argentina. Argentina has announced an invitation to the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights. However, the Argentines stipulated a number of restrictive conditions which the Commission finds unacceptable. If the invitation had been acceptable to the Commission, we had planned to go forward with the sale of military training to Argentina and to recommend that the Export-Import Bank approve certain pending applications for financing of some sizeable projects in Argentina. We do not plan to take these steps now in view of the character of the Argentine offer. If Argentina and the Commission reach an agreement over the invitation,

slight my inclination would be to find an excuse to approve training - & to hold back Ex-Im deal.

Department of State, A/GIS/IPS/SRP

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we will review our position. In the meantime, in recognition of modest improvements in the human rights situation in Argentina, we plan, after Congressional consultations, to grant export licenses for certain safety-related munitions list equipment.

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3. US-Hungarian Trade Agreement. Without debate, the Senate yesterday routinely approved a concurrent resolution authorizing extension of most-favored nation (MFN) treatment to Hungary. (An anticipated statement in opposition by Senator Dole did not materialize.) This was the final action required of the Congress for approval of our new trade agreement with Hungary. We expect to put the agreement into effect through an exchange of letters in the very near future.

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4. North/South Issues. You requested an outline of the issues involved between the US and the Group of 77. Such an outline is attached, indicating what we believe to be the areas of agreement and disagreement. It was drawn from the papers presented to the Government of Jamaica by Dick Cooper.

Attachment.

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